



St. Paul's United Church
Sunday, April 02, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday and Communion

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Dan Donaldson, Gerry Payne

Music: St. Paul's Choir, The Focus

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CALL TO THE GATHERED

HYMN: VU#124 "He Came Riding on a Donkey"

1. He came riding on a donkey, he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him, staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them, on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises, waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David, riding on to take his throne.
2. Then the children gathered, singing shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing, "Hosannas" filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him, caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him, branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises, waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Song of David, our Messiah, Son of God.
3. In our fasting, and our feasting, called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter, called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Song of David, hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us, blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises; open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David; God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.



EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #595, We Are Pilgrims, vs. 1, 3

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear
(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Dan Donaldson

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 11:1-10 read by Dan Donaldson



ANTHEM: St. Paul's Choir: "Hosanna!"

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

(Please remain seated for the hymns during "THE PASSION")

THE UPPER ROOM & SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:12-16; 22-25 read by Gerry Payne

Communion Hymn: VU#666 "Eat This Bread" **2x**

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

VU #932(sung)

Holy, holy, holy are you,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth

are filled with your glory,

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the one

who comes in your name,

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest.



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (2x MV#207)

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As our Lenten journey, moves closer to Good Friday, may the bread and the cup remind us that faith can be costly, and that to follow the path of Christ takes courage and commitment. Amen

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:32-46 read by Dan Donaldson

Reflection

Hymn #133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

vs 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his grief away:
learn from him to watch and pray.

COURTYARD AND PETER'S DENIAL

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:53-56; 66-72 read by Gerry Payne

Reflection

Hymn #132 Bitter Was the Night (verses 1 -6) Video drop sung by "The Focus"

Bitter was the night, thought the cock would crow forever.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Saw you passing by, told them all I didn't know you.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Told them all a lie, and I told it three times over.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

What did Judas do? Sold him for a bag of silver.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

What did Judas do? Hanged himself upon an alder.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Bitter was the night, thought there'd never be a morning.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

JESUS ON THE CROSS

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:21-32 read by Dan Donaldson

HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (v. 2)
Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

JESUS DIES

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:33-41 read by Dan Donaldson

ANTHEM: "Wondrous Love" (Here are the words the choir will be singing)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
Why would the Son of God lay down his life for me?
How could he love me, a sinner unclean?
He chose the cross out of love for me.
What wondrous love is this? A crown of thorns placed upon his head,
they struck and mocked him, his blood he did shed.
"Father, forgive them," he cried in agony. "They know not what they do."
What wondrous love the Saviour showed for me! He left his throne and died to set me free;
Why would he lay down his life for me? He chose the cross out of love.
With painful sorrow, I bowed before his face, not sure of pardon, or God's free grace;
I heard a voice saying, "Cease thy wild regret," Jesus bought your pardon, paid your debt.
What wondrous love the Saviour showed for me! He left his throne and died to set me free.
Why would he lay down his life for me? He chose the cross out of love.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Give What You Can"

Give what you can, take what you need for the body of Christ is enough to feed.
The hungry for Spirit and the thirsty for love.
Give thanks when you can to our God up above.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER: Read by Gerry Payne

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: "May the Christ Who Walks with Wounded Feet"

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love;
when you leave this place may you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

POSTLUDE